SHAKER COLLECTION

Item 353 a

Poem and notes re mob of 1810, robbery of 1809, and Vincy McNemar's note on her father, Richard McNemar, 1871

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"Here for a sudden change of weather they pray'd
On their bended knees supplication they made
They pray'ed that violent cold might fill the breeze
So that solid ice on the waters would freeze
The great Mis Ka Kolāc appear'd like stormy lake
Smiles length in its breadth and waters shake
Or in space for six miles all like an ocean
Stirr'd by the lake flood's tumultuous motion
"And by diverse trials they sought ways to find
Its surface to cross when its margin did wind
Their wearied steps and defeated return'd
But a change in the weather already discern'd
For the rain had ceased save gentle shower
The ether filled with Hero's fierce power
And soon the brittle glistened in crystal sheet
Then swifter their movements to save their feet
"To wait for the frost they encamped at length
Strengthened on the march by ice to give strength
And on the next morning when they walk'd around
Where a fox Rill'd a deer they gladly found
The fox it did scarled in hasted scare
The remains of the prize they took for their share
They dress'd it and smok'ed it and had a good meal
And for this provision most thankful do feel
"And there they remained two days and two nights
And for more provision each stomach invites
Because they were pinched with hunger's control
And vaunted the majestic waters their roll.
But on the third morning again they ventur'd
However dangerous their breast above centur'd
'Twas in a snow storm and their feet soaking wet
They builded a raft and the dreaded stream met

"And there present raine all the waters revivd
As braine to the depths in the flood they divd
And trembled and rocked the trees uprooted
And by smaller craft their voyage recruited
On the broad spread breem of that raging flood
That dredged the wood land of all that it could
And then on their future what dangers envid
The waters had raisd till no land was viewd
"The rivulets swollen rushd and leapd and dashd
Adown the hill sides Known land embankments
As seeking the onward impetuous course
Of the bearing off flood in unheeding force
Uniting themselves to the heavier tide
In which their diminutive currents might ride
The streams through the valleys did seemingly try
To rise to their summits the scene to descry
"When on the frontier were detained a while
Till the Laughry's cold waves rolled down in pile
Some provision still left they forward ventured
On the fifth morning the desert they entered
But the trials awaiting yet in the way
The pen of a painter would take to portray
Through tedious need they waded and shower
The rain for two days no laboring an hour
"The low marshy flats which they deemed the worst
Were next on the distance appalling to burst
From long deep rivers overflowed and wide
No water fowl seen there to glide
Soft misty hill sides they marched up and down
Slipping and sliding from the base to the crown
With other sad toil in this drear desert land
Till near Miskakalac they came to a stand

"For six full miles the icy pavement they trod
And lost on their view became cast the welcome sod
While like roaring thunder loud cracking around
Were stiff frozen trees in the wind rending sound
Amid settling shades of that bitter cold night
They reached shore on solid ground did alight
A shelter selected where thick trees crowded
Which the snow and the sleet overhead shrouded
"Keen whistling winds chilly and searching did blow
After their refreshment and melted snow
Of their provision in they had eaten the last
About them for more in vain were their eyes cast
But trusted that God whom Elijah had fed
In the wilderness with the wild ravens bread
While on the snow their home made blankets (spread) they
And there on consigned their weary limbs and head
"The lowering Reuben next morning ascended
With the northern breeze to their faces bended
Thence roamed the hills and the sequestered vales
The wind through the trees shrieking (wailed) in sonorous gales
Thus onward they travel'd in the desert land
Till up to the White River's watery strand
On the fourteenth morning quite early this was
And their surest trial they fear'd this (cross) would
"Then viewing the river all floating in ice
Each look'd to the other for planning advice
While yet undecided to what they would do
A house they espied and a good canoe
And beyond expectation came friendly hand
Which conveyed them over to his own land
There a hearty welcome and kindness receiv'd
And were from their painful suffering reliev'd

"With hunger faint and benumb'd with cold were {They
And Thereafter said no language could portray
The deep gratitude that was to him deserv'd
Who risk'd his generous life and them preserv'd
By rest at length and care and nourishing food
With fresh animation their journey pursu'd
Until the next for Roy the same river side
On the following morning at dawn they descri'd
"Of ice and water twenty furlongs before
Were mingled and clashing in one great uproar
But across the high current luckily set
Them forced a passage till the shore they met
They then knew their greatest afflictions were past
And breasted with vigor the unavenging blast
Of the fast hurling tempest twisting trees' bough
And delving the water with furrowing plough
"Scarcely thirty miles yet to travel remain'd
They ere rising Mont Ide the distance had gain'd
And the joyful greeting would be hard to tell
From the hearts rejoicing of their children pell {toil
And made rich amends for their hardships and
For these they ⁂ had gathered to the Bureau soil
Born of their souls in the regeneration
And nearer to them than natural relation"

"Another repetition
August twelfth eighteen hundred nine
A band of robbers did combine
The first Elders house to beset
Some money collected to get

⁂ Elder Isaachar Bates in particular

Issachar Bale he came home late
For supper he'd tired to wait
That night and was gone to his rest
When the robbers came to molest
"He heard their first sound on the door
"I was money he knew made the roar
The silver he then to him drew
'Neath him in the straw tick it flew
To not awaken the sister hood
Who would prepare for him some food
In other's bed had taken right
More distant out of sound and sight
"With rails of fence the door they broke
It fell inside with the crashing stroke
Then rush'd the thieves in full of rage
For conflict ready to engage
To Issachar's room took their way
Defeated thereby his delay*
Yet there they then thought might be
Had money and so they would see
"And the room entered weapons ray'd
And raving menaced they made
Now "Give us your money" they cry'd
And with pointed pistols defy'd
If resisted death was their doom
Heartless at the cannon mouth his bomb
But the brethren chose to keep stille
While threaten'd the monsters to kill
"With candles and pistols in hand
Went that robber black painted band
Hunting pockets in coat and vest
Opening boxes trunks and chest

And darting about in the glare
Of their high smoking candles' flare
In hideous grimaces blare
And yelling "They've money somewhere"
"Kill a boy struck one on the head
From the loft with a chair full sped
Then the stairs descending they fled
By their unlucky victim led
Twelve strikes of the clock tolled the hour
When they came like wolves to devour
And when in the darkness had left
Six dollars 'twas found was their theft

∴ As they supposed by not finding him in his own room and bed It was dark and misting with rain and he come home from Cincinnati with several hundred dollars across the woods and fields to shorten distance letting his horse lose in the field and coming noiseless into the house and taking a more distant room than his own which he knew to be vacant by a brothers absence was not to awaken the sisters who would want to get supper for him

He had not been asleep when the robbers come During their search they went into the room where he was pretending to be asleep on his face and pelting him with canes or sticks and swearing about that if they could find old Bale they might get the money they were after

Now devinesly wound the channels of mind
Of Susanna's father and fruitful the wind
To more than each month some eventful career
Came clear to his memory as they did appear
Were one of these themes Susanna selects
To her interesting as she slow inspects
And tries to repeat as inspired it lives & shines
And thus runs in substance the unskilled lines

"And" "An Expedition against the Shakers"
Was term'd the largest mob in the news papers
Twenty seventh of August eighteen hundred ten
Consisting of more than five hundred armed men
Equipp'd in a body of uniform gay
As military orders drilled display
From Cincinnati and Hamilton west
Procured were officers brought of the best
"But this scheme was divulged before the event
And through out the country like wild fire went
And on the Sabbath ere the number was to move
Spectators to meeting came in a large drove
And influential sensible men were there
Who would for right and justice rather declare
And returned to witness the ceremonies next day
Before came the mob in procession array
"From State of Kentucky of these were (Davis) Conrad
From State of New Jersey two doctors genteel
Colonel Stanley from South of Cincinnati
And hundreds besides who were anxious to see
Reports in the morning in heavies took Rising
And from every quarter the tidings did bring

That violent measures were were threatened would be
But the Shakers went about their work quietly
Francis Dunlavy first circuit Judge of the State
Was on Shaker ground ere his breakfast he ate
Unlawful proceedings to there counteract
Should there not in its rage the brethren attack
About eight o'clock fresh messengers landing
Told that the troops were assembled and standing
At Captain Kelbreath and the officers names
And that they heard there loud apostate acclaims
Doctor Bradley at length to meet them rode out
Some others accompanied him in the route
And near twelve o'clock to inform they returned
That the troops were mounted and moving they learned
And would in less than an hour be on the ground
But further proceedings they ascertained not
The people now gathered to hear them in crowds
The arm of Jehovah seemed reached in the clouds
And at one o'clock just the troops they appeared
By the Dayton road in from the north they veered
Approaching in order until came the front
Where was designated to begin the hunt
At the meeting house and there they called a halt
For there was intended to find the first fault
The regimental troops in order equipped
Looked eagerly to have the old Shakers whipped
By word of their officers ready for blow
Who wore epaulets loftily known to show
And now it was said that there must had increased
Up to two thousand and supposed at the least
And besides the five hundred disciplined troops
Were unarmed men in military suits

"Mottling in the multitude unsettled hive
Exhibiting Cain in the world yet alive
"With knives guns and hatchets they came divers pi
And poles or stick Ram which bayonets were spli'd
Spot tan on his back Rand with the club and slave
And vice tim'd with these in hands that would en
High was raised the battle signs higher the tones
Fraught in phrase re-echoing historic moans
To the impending combat direction bending
Through clouds of dust from horses hoofs ascending
"Old gray headed men and tender boys were there
Alternate amid the scene of heads between
Men in reason's prime and men in morning bloom
Alike strove for themselves conspicuous room
Duplicities known now was presented
But was discern'd the motives intended
And by the wisest it was thought plainly seen
That a Divine agency did intervene
"When emblements to Captain Kilbreath's were sent
Tuesday to demand what the movement meant
From Lebanon the County's just judgement seat
And there there assur'd that would meet with defeat
Any unlawful or violent measures
(And this it was thought detain'd from rash pleasure)
I Collet Iwarth, States Attorney who went
And with him Mr. Gray the high Sheriff intent

Captain Kilbreath and his Officers

Now it was agreed to chose a committee
To state proposals in the name of the party
And them to receive and return their answers
Meaning the yan Reeor first eastern elders

The troops still a halt at the meeting house gate
The Committee came forward full'd with debate
And faced the yard of the dwelling house while
Opposite th, Church where they expected th, first
"Th, three original men (came from strong lungs)
John Meacham Issachar Bates Benjamin Young
We call to come out in order to confer
Without the vocation of this great stir
Of the people entered on this verdant soil
Whence rumors arise making grievous turmoil
The victors crown in this great expedition
Will be the laurel of righteous conviction"
"Benjamin S Young quickly came to their call
Of the three brethren demanded I am all'
(And glancing up street on the multitude head
Restless at the opposite side shaded with red)
"Two others will do in their stead if you please
We will take Mathew Houston and Peter Pease'
Dunlavy th, Judge General Jeshua R. Corwin Esq
Went with the brethren as they did desire
"Allowing that six too many would not be
To meet the twelve numbered in their committee
The party objected to the outside friends
For the three brethren chosen only contends.
"Have you any objections to by standers'
Said Judge Dunlavy (aware of their slanders)
Alluding to himself and those then with him
"Yes" they vociferously answer'd with vim
"To go to the woods the committee devis'd
But a room in the house the brethren advis'd
Yet still those persisted as they had begun
That their business must the woods be done

And unreasonable as was their request
That the three brethren only should meet them lest
There might be present in the conference there
Who would several witness 'gainst what they'd propose
The brethren followed as they'd to be slain
On past their dwellings and garden and grain
Their maple camp pierced and crop'd in ill shade
Rode up the Chief Speaker "Be seated" he bade
Commanding in figure and ruddy of face
Was this Rev'rend Wallace whom th' pulpit did grace
And who now hemmed with significant air
Preparing his voice the result to declare
"On one side was twelve with their symbols of might
On the other side three with a weight but truth's light
The one by its numbers felt sure of its prey
The other that Jehovah ruled the day
Dunlavy the judge of the Court and some friends
Now over the speaker unpleasantness lends
For his eye in the flash of its glancing around
Takes in Dunlavy and his friends hitherbound
"With touch of his whip and shrug of his shoulder
(The present emergency making him bolder)
Abruptly he began and then proceed his way
"What is the conclusion I'll briefly portray
In the name of the people will now relate
(Called the mob the people in his nervous state
With look drawn apart to the edge of the wood
Where the Judge and his company laughing stood
"Grievances which Shaker modes of life create
Old established systems ready to debate
That they are in error still insinuate
But their strange doctrines and principals of late

Have been very active to disseminate
Entering house would the husbands and wives to unmate
These things have annoying disturbance caused
And must be extinguished" He said and then paused
"The speaker now added "These will undermine
Civil society which should not decline
Will subvert religion our holy ensign
And debar pruitions from the soul divine
Our Saviour's precepts we are bound to uphold
And as true disciples for right should be bold
And when spoilers come the flock to devour
Then should the shepherds exert their whole power
"A pecuniary system too is yours
Which the common weal in anguish endures
And leads to oppression cruel and severe
Its delusive standard no longer shall rear
For bondage as freedom it makes to appear"
"Thus were My brethren addressed emphatic and clear
By th, Reverend Wallace whom audiences hear
Had a congregation himself to revere
"The speaker now tried to insinuate
That in a capacity was to abate
The Committee and perhaps it might prevent
Some fatal designings of cruel intent
Hinting around and about to what might be done
Going so far as to say that blood might run
"For were the people resolved on redress
And that prompt concession and that nothing less
The violent shaft would deter against them bent
And their safest way would be just to consent
To terms as the voice of the people proposed
The issue at point must be fully disclosed

And then if not found inclined to comply
Military weapons the people might buy
(As one morning they the speaker perspired
With the fierce ire that his eyeballs fired
Because of Dunlavy's then nearing approach
Lest he and his friends on the plane might encroach
And the terms of the committee now be said
Should be promptly and concisely before them laid
The only terms were the following on which
The people's wrath could be stay'd in ile high wrought pitch

The same continued Part Second
"First that James Watts Children delivered should be
To their grandfather to which he did agree
The father of the Children are his decease
So to their grandfather they must them release
Brethren" The mother in whose care these Children are plac'd
Best fitted to us seems mal[illegible]ly brac'd
To rear up her Children in th, way they should go
Redeem it her business to know how they grow
Committee "That the said James Watts this agreement did make
Ere his last thread of existence did break
With his dear father for his Children concern'd
So it was alledged as they fully learn'd
B. Enquir'd these then if it was recorded
That James Watts the father had them lorded
Over his Childrens intelligent mother*
To give them away ever to any other

* The daughter of Judge Kilbert and the idol of his heart and of her husband and the admiration of every eye for her beauty and wit and learning and accomplishments

Com. "Tow owned the committee that it was not
Yet aver'd it was not a made up plot
And by friends of the father no doubt could be provèd
That when at death he'd probate he was thus movèd
B. "That not in their possession the brethren said
They could not give Sto the right invade
Of the mother concerning her children welfare
Sto rule they exercis'd over her care
"But that might be seen the mother and children
Were sure by any two or three civil men
And if then she be willing with them to part
Sone would in the least try to hinder their start
"And Should they be demanded and tāen away
Sto force on the smallest defence they would lay
(But full well the brethren knew how good and how true
Was the clear vision that open'd to his view
"In his last sickness and how that he preached
With willingness face and with arms outreached
Declaring that the Kingdom of God was with man
Encompassing earth and heaven in span
"And pray'd that his family might enter the way
Of the effulgence of the living way
And that redeemed angels in beauty all bright
Saw radiant in love dispensing light

"And also when struggling through life's outer clay
Appear'd the Millennium to Judge K
Father to the mother of James Wallis offspring
And call'd his family around him in ring
"Telling them then that he saw in his vision
"Twixt flesh and spirit would be division
And that all of his household when it should come
Would not reject it but make for it room

"Was his highest hope and his most fervent pray'r
And with them in th, conflict he would be there
For he saw in this glory that he had place
And could be triumphant sin to erase
"In many visions was reveal'd at the first
When mighty power on the New Legisl's burst
That the Christs Second Coming was near at hand
When no wicked deed before him could stand)
"The evidence becoming so strong and clear
That James Watts' children were destined here
The committee at length evaded the claim
And then commenced in another name
Com. "Second That William Beadle be permitted to
(Heth, first elder of the Presbytery)
His little grandson from him lately parted
Sobbing and crying as bro Ben hearted
"For when to his grandfather his feet made back
'Gainst his inclination he was forc'd back
By the father's authority and severe
And sight of th, boy would the grandfather cheer
"B." That the child was under its own parents' care
Replied the brethren concisely and fair
Explaining the incedent as did appear
To them And that they did not interfere
"And that they never control'd the parents right
Over their children but deemed it quite
Sufficient for parents their burden to take
And fit examples of themselves should make
"The boy under notice no doubt would be seen
That nothing to this thought need intervene
To school he was going when that tramp he took
And now is or should be in school with his book

"This grandfather petition was also dropp'd
For still another one case to adopt
It was brave Colonel Smith of Kentucky State
That the committee began to narrate
"That doubtless the brethren were well informed
Of circumstances wherein was harmed
The aristocratic mother of two boys
And in her defence the colonel employs
"The aid of the law and is fully awake
To gain the children for the mother's sake
That these her eldest sons which their father took
A dislike in her heart made that she could not brook
"Then the brethren answer'd that the two boys were
Entirely under their father's care
But now they were in the authorities hands
As suit in court their grandfather demands
"And that these boys father and fairest mother
By mutual consent divorc'd each other
The father that he might his new faith obey
And so to pursue the better known way
"And that their children they even divided
Both, two youngest the mother decided
Now for th, present the community concluded
That this enforcement might be excluded
"And briefly said Wallace time not to retard
That th, next proposition might seem to them hard
And this weighty matter began to state
Which brought old the people so much of late
"Namely, That they cease their principle to inculcate
Which called to their rear irreverence and hate
The smart ful allering and weak minded
Death, Spider th, flying ile meshes winded

"That They cease to practice their manner of life
Meaning the celebrated conquest of strife
And that They cease to dance on the Sabbath days
For reverse to the gospel were such ways
"Or out of the country depart by the first
Monday in December next else might burst
The pent up fiery wrath of the people hate-
And he could not tell how might end their fate-
"By the committee these were the terms proposed
In the name of the people were disclosed
If they were acceded to then it was well
If not war's delivery might mid them shell
"In writing the brethren requested them now
While over head they'd the shades of the bough
To state their proposals so they could be read
But Parley'd Wallace that what had been said
"Concerning their proposals was short and plain
And easily remembered and need not claim
Any further demands upon the issue
Superfluous 'twould be it he'd not do
"As the proposals were short Benjamen replied
To writing might be more ready applied
But pointedly this the committee refused
But their own agreement they had abused
"One hour was agreed upon to receive
An answer to two now did the watch hands leave
Benjamen this to the committee did state
And that for an answer it was too late-
"And the brethren left them and started for home
The committee following after them come
All winded along in the warm sultry shade
Which sunshine and shadows exchanging made

"In the house in a room assembled there found
Th, elders brethren and sisters seated round
Dunlavy the judge was invited in the rank
And friends squire Commandgen, salsbenk
"And then the brethren in presence of these friends
Whom th, law abiding citizen defends
Stated th, committees proposals and demands
"And th, answer they felt that justice commands
And also detailing wherein that they felt
Th, committee with them had unfairly dealt
In th, first instance unreasonable it was
And in particular unjust because
"Of not allowing at th, conference any
Persons present when gainst them were many
Who to unlawfulness as witness might serve
As unjust proceedings parry or swerve
"And the absurdity of grandfathers too
Where children had parents them to pursue
Children at school and under their parents care
Ask to be given up into their care {appealed
"Now the judge and his friends seemed much
And none of these reasonings were rejected {rejected
And though they said nothing, pearl inter
And that in their souls justice was vested
"And after the present assembly arose {chose
Generals Shenk and the judge went out and
Doctor Liddell in the door yard met the crowd
Of the riotous mob there rough and loud
"One of the committee was doctor Liddell
These friends talked to him of the illegal
Proceedings of the day in feeling manner
And th, consequences of the mob clamor

"At the expiration of th, appointed time
My brethren informed Dr Little (while crime
In revengeful threatening pierced his ear
Mingled with approving malicious sneers)
"That they would go as requested th, same place
In th, woods as before th, committee to face
The answer to deliver as was agreed
In a free country their fathers had freed
"And there stood Benjamin in raiment all
In beauty of feature and form complete
Reminding of pictures they paint of the Saviour
But never wholly sealed with th, endeavor
"They paint him as man because of his gender
Lineament trace rules woman's splendor
This nameless enchantment gave Benjamin
Tree turned to pencil at the charms of his face
"This delineation where never was sin
Seen in the glory of the man's ever been
A transparent innocence speaking within
Where man's adoration does first begin
"There Peter Pease with flaxen hair fine and soft
And azure eyes as in prayer raised aloft
A heart that the burdened could ever solace
Though his was a solemn and burdened face
"Enduring was he of full medium size
And a man to whom the wanting applies
For he had an ear that could listen to need
A heart that with bread would that wholesome
"Mathew a father in nature and church care
And who for the erring would offer prayer
A heart which no vengeance did ever declare
For others comfort and joy could prepare

"Of complexion ruddy humorous and fair
With golden and tendrel curling fine hair
On his neck and his temples and forehead clear
Seath a hat so large none other could wear
"Two hundred and fifty they said was his weight
A bit taller than Peter in walking gait
Light blue were his eyes magnetic and deep
Could always minister yet something keep
"In old Virginia he was circuit preacher
Friendship he won by word and demeanure
Through the highest college in that State he toil'd
And left there a name for scholar unspoil'd
"Now Benjamin delivered his following answer
Namely First, Respecting the children to be given up
We think on that subject we have said enough
Adding that all adults among us are free
And that to our principles it is contrary
And to our practice any one to oppress
Or to hold in bondage in any degree { gospel
"Second Respecting our faith which we hold in th,
Dearer than our lives we esteem it and mean
To maintain it whatever we may have to
Suffer as the consequence thereof

"And as to our leaving the country would say
That our own possessions we only are on
Which we have purchased with money obtained
By our own industry honest and earnest
"Not to owe any man any thing is our endeavor
Endeavor We have not a cent of any
Man's money We enjoy our own peaceable
Possessions in a free country and to those

Liberties we are entitled (including
the liberty of our own consciences)
which the laws of our [illegible] country do grant to {us}

"This was the answer-it is nearly the same
In the course of the committee sitting at first
The brethren tried to convince them that things
Concerning the Quakers were misrepresented
That of those things of which they were accused
There was no existence They were false reports
Of the envious of people There was no need
For if they had done wrong in any matter
By any judicious persons were willing
To undergo thorough examination
And for grievances the laws of their country
Made ample provision for their redress
"By Wallace to this the committee replied
That this means prescribed for redress would require
To lengthy a process and for the issue
The people would not be contained to wait
And adding that evidence enough they had
"And in this place it is worthy of notice
That though the committee had solemnly agreed
Not to suffer or admit any near them
Of the multitude while the brethren with them
Would confer Yet that before closing with them
They had a number of witnesses false and fierce
Gathered to them with malicious charges
Against the Quakers and others were standing
Around in readiness their turns to take
In the accusation of the Believers

"About the meeting house at this period
And the younger Believers first family
And the Children's family and the school house
There were a vast and promiscuous concourse
Of armed men and Spectators some disputing
Some enquiring of there nailing out against
And endeavoring to scatter falsehood And
And the prosperity urging of banishing
The Shakers out of th, county by violence

"And women of the baser sort who were in
Fellowship with the rest had placed themselves
On the edge of th, woods in sight of the buildings
Waiting to see the destruction of th, Shakers
Of the same cast were others meeting parties
Of the mob to take away children by force
Of their connections who professed Shaker faith
And such like Reports of violence and injustice
Gentlemen of good principle and talents
Meanwhile were engaged in conciliating those
Violent measures by th, mob agitated
Reasoning th, Shakers right to citizenship
From their peaceable and friendly deportment
And of the unconstitutionality
Of infringing upon their rights which never
Had been forfeited by any misconduct

"A public Speaker of th, early about three
O clock Standing in the street before th, door
Of the meeting house proclaimed Liberty
That all who had Charges against the Shakers
Might come forward and enter them A number
Of Charges were readily provided but none
Were regularly entered and taken up

Except a charge against Amos Volentine
Of murder upon th, deposelemy his
Apostates it was deposed that when they liv'd
Among the Shakers that Amos Volentine
Had a boy that had fits and he suspi'd said boy
Unmercifully and that the boy was suspi'd
By Daniel Mosely an elder and that both
Had said they wish'd that he was dead and { that th, boy
For some time past had been missing and the said
Deponents believ'd that the said boy was
Murdered and somewhere put out of the way
A habeas corpus was immediately
Served on Amos and he put under guard
Until the said boy his son was produced
And instantly they sent for Ephraim the boy
At Moses Eastons he was two miles away
On a visit with his father's permission
And about this period of transactions
Was the committee the second time sitting
With the three brethren before mentioned
Judge Dunlavy was understood th, proceedings
Of the committee before followi'd them to
The edge of th, woods and on a weather bleach'd log
He seated himself five rods distant from where
The committee were sitting and there waited
To see the issue And soon as the brethren
Left the committee He mounted his horse in
The midst of the assembly and with a loud
Voice calling attention he then deliver'd
A solemn injunction that none violate
The laws of Ohio And requir'd all
The civil officers present cognizance

To take of the conduct of any persons
Who should violate them in any way
Soon after this arrived the aforesaid boy
Very corpulent and hearty About four ½ gave
A clock This was And Judge Dunlavy then
Public information of the boys arrival
And the comforting satisfaction which was
Given of the innocence of the party—
Accused ordered the prisoner to be released
And the people to disperse at nothing of
Any matter of unwillegation remained
Nevertheless Captain Kilbreath refused to
Comply with Dunlavys order to release
The prisoner Alledging that he was at high
In office at the, Judge upon which Dunlavy
Ordered him to be apprehended and put ? in
In prison But Kilbreath being armed with
And pistol and repelling to be taken
They left it to be determined some other
Way which of them should be the greatest, prisoner
However was released but some of the party
Treated the Judge with great contempt and bitter
Invectives uttered against him for his
Interference And at this juncture of the
Proceedings the committee having returned
And mingled among the busy multitude
And Judge Dunlavy having given his orders
The mob party were irritated and thrown
Into confusion But the word of command
Being given and the main party mounted
They moved down the street in a violent
Career amid clouds of dust in a vast crowd

And halled facing the house of the Elders
And then Major Robinson after a pause
With a loud voice demanded of those in the house
Whether they would comply with the proposals
Of the committee Yea or Nay a number
Of times this was repeated Crying aloud
"Give us an answer Yea or Nay but no one
Answered a word Then all the people in the house
Men and women old and young were commanded
To come out of the house and to place themselves
In a circle before them on the green grass
But no one offered to move Then Robinson
Continued his harrangue to this effect
That unless the proposals of the committee
They now should comply and accede to remove
Out of the country by the first of December
Next to prepare to suffer the consequences
And then cried "Is not this the voice of the people"
Which was instantly answered by the mob
In the affirmative with a uplifted hands
And a general loud and hideous yell
In the wildest exasperated manner
But no one made any attempt to appear
Neither did answer their interrogatime
Then the mob ordered the gates thrown open
Which after considerable hesitation
Some of the mob ventured to go and perform
The doors of the house were now instantly shut
And fastened (with the heavy iron bars
That bolted the entire width of the doors)
Which had hitherto been left swinging open
And as the gates were forced back open

The house was immediately surrounded
By a promiscuous multitude of men
Armed and Spectators But the main body
Of the corps remain'd on their horses in the street
After some consultation in the mob party—
They proposed a committee from among themselves
Whom they wished to enter and search the house
In every dwelling room and apartment
To see whether there were not some who were held
In bondage and such like Acts of cruelty
And injustice as were reported wide spread
The committee proposed now came forward
Consisting of Major William Robinson
Captain John Robinson and Captain John Clark
Captain C Thomas and two or three others
They entered upon their delicate & civil } search
Behaviour And when they commenced their
And examination with the young sisters
And asked them one by one if they wished
To leave the Shakers Betsy Seward first replied
And very emphatically that she did not
Prudence Morrell Dr. C. Morrell's daughter
Being next interrogated replied
That the whole round world would be no inducement
To her to go away that she had rather
Lay her head down on the floor and have it
Chopped off than she should leave the Believers
To this the committee returned Let her stay'
After reply also made Katie Reubert
The same per portland Jenny M. Semar
(Relative of Judge Dunlavy am B. mother
Of Richard M. Semar's seven small children)

And all the rest declaring that they were free
To go away if they chose at any time & and love
And that nothing bound them but their faith
All whom the committee interrogated
Whether brethren or sisters made similar replies
When th, committee had searched every apartment
Of the house they declared themselves satisfied
And Captain Cornelius Thomas (a man
Of considerable feeling) in particular
Said that he saw a decent house and decent
People in it They then drank generously
Of cold coffee And went out and reported
Well satisfied After this they went back
To their former ground of Providence, meeting house
And there it was arranged that th, same committee
Should proceed to examine the dwelling house
And the premises of the young Believers
All whom they there met and interrogated
Made similar replies and adding that they were free
And endeavoured away whenever they might choose
So to do And some said they would rather die
Than to abandon their faith or to forsake
The people of God By this time th, committee
Were under obvious mortification
And their zeal began to abate having been
In all their researches thus disappointed
And some persuasions had to be used to get
Them into the school house by Matthew Houston
Who accompanied them from place to place
During their examination of th, houses
Their residence out building and premises

He wished them to go especially as
It was reported that they would not suffer
Their children and yet ready to study the scriptures
And when they went into the school room (they found
Testaments plenty which greatly pleased them
And then Mathews observed to them that they
Might see at least one lie had been told to them
Then they looked at the childrens with eagerness which
They said far surpassed their expectations
Mathews then wished them to ask the children
Questions as whether they had enough to eat
And kindred questions And saying that he had
Children among them and he had been absent
For several wee Read and knew not at present
How it might be with them When the committee
Asked first "Have you enough to eat" They answered
"Yea Yea Yea as much as we want" ran all through
The school Second "Are you whipped more than you
Deserve" They answered Nay nay nay all through
And many said Not whipped at all Third "do you
Want to go from this people for if you do"
Continued they "learn true we will protect you"
Nay nay nay ran all through the school
They were then invited to hear the children read
But would not declaring themselves satisfied
Then they were requested to go to the childrens
Family where perhaps they might find that woman
Enslaved of whom they had spoken about
And of whom the party were agitated
So much (for) 'twas reported that some certain
Woman was enslaved by the Shakers Those
In search had not yet found her for another

Select number of the party had searched
The meeting house (where it was rumor'd that she
Was Kept secreted in the upper story
But No, committee would not go any further
And declaring themselves satisfied again and
Satisfy'd And no grounds of accusation
Being found or reported to the party
And the generality being wearied
And perplex'd and under a mortifying
Disappointment Were dismiss'd the last of them
Disappear'd as the dark Reels of night began
To creep over the horizon and without
Leaving behind them any visible marks
Of cruelty pillaging or destruction
And no disturbance or confusion among
The Believers appeared during the scene
The generality Resumed at their
Usual employments Took dinner in, usual
Manner and entertained such as they could
With convenience They answered those mildly
Who spoke to them whether peaceably or in
A tumult Such as desired to enter in, room
From the mist and clamor did stand and spent their
Time in conversing with brethren and sisters

"Perhaps a scene entirely like this has
Not transpired since the reformation & leave conscience
Been esteem'd sacred by man That no evil
Or cruelty was transacted after such
Formidable preparations to other
Cause cannot be assign'd than the, interposing
Hand of Divine Providence the invisible
Power of God which turneth the hearts of men

Whether so ever He will and saith unto
The mighty waves hitherto shalt thou come
And no further as we read in the scriptures
"It is not to be understood that every
Individual of this vast body were
Persons of malicious designs Some even
Of those under arms appeared not to know
In reality for what purpose they had
Come together only as they had been by
Their officers ordered out There were some
Also who had been influenced to evil
Designs by the malicious and false reports
In circulation when first they received true
Information and induced to consider
The impropriety of such illegal
Conduct manifested no disposition
To do any injury and some of these
Withdrew from the mob and returned after
Dr Bradgely went to know the intentions
Of the troops under arms at Captain Kelbreaths
There were numbers also who were men of good
Information and just principles some of
Whose names have been mentioned whose endeavors
Were only to conciliate reason into
Ye, minds of as many as were accessible
And to maintain a spirit of freedom and peace"

"Through Dunlavy the Judge was on the Back ground
That morning before the sun had Ye, true to the crowned
Yet still was he's noble and majestic mein
When the mob had departed there to be seen

"He with Peter Pease the Trustee of the Street
Went damages done by the mob out to search
Riding the premises circumference round
But no depredations by the mob were found
"He Th, Judge of that day looked primal the cock
Composed his manner through often there broke
High sallies of wit from his clear seeing mind
Swiftly as the sunbeam that on the crowd shined
"His calmness and power amidst fierce danger
To fear of Th, wicked convicted him a stranger
The mighty of his presence awed as he went
And peace breakers learnéd what he said that meant
"It seemed that Th, stern countenance glanced on his neck
And that fanning breeze stood ready to check
The sweltering heat that prevailed that day
And no perspiration did his face portray
"As fair was his face as the swift sailing cloud
Blue were his eyes as the azure that them shrouded
Brown were his tresses as the eve settling smoke
When the light zephyrs from the setting sun woke
"And when on his horse trotting down the still street
Returning at dusk home and friendship to greet
It seemed that a glory gleamed in the air
And reverberated his voice everywhere

James Bennett 1813 } The following does not belong here

Sabbath August [redacted] it is said that the people that came to meeting on this day filled the meeting house and its yard and into the street And that after the meeting was dismissed some of the crowd who were friendly to the Believers plucked certain brethren and sisters aside and told them of a great mob that was to come the next day &c And that one of the mobs strongest accusations was that a woman was being held in bondage, meaning a very beautiful sweet dispositioned and lovely woman (her skin or complexion was her most surpassing outward charm) who set out with her husband to be a Shaker near the beginning at at Union Village He at length becoming dissatisfied left She remained true to her faith And after he had raised a second unsuccessful mob to get her away, he had finally settled down and become peaceable. When two young men brothers, from the county Tirone Ireland who had been members of the society and also left it went to this husband (and to many others in the country who had old sore wounds of a similar kind) and excited his feelings by telling him that his wife would be glad to be with him there if she was not held in bondage in the upper part of the meeting house they said she was kept where the eastern elders resided to

~~This belongs to [illegible]~~

1809

Tuesday January 10th Daniel McCarty and Solomon King set out for Eagle Creek and returned September 2nd

January 16th 1809 Benjamin S Younge Isachar Bates Richard M Tennar started for the Wabash (Busro) on foot, James Hodge started with them with two horses to carry their packs a days journey and then return goes as far as White water, and then proceed on their tedious winter journey through the wilderness to Busserom on foot. They arrived there Jan 31st They left Busserom March the 10th and arrived again at Miami Wednesday March 31st

Such mischievous wretches let statesmen pursue
Believers have got something better to do & feel
By their faith and obedience the notions they'll
And lay up a treasure which thieves cannot steal

Note by writer. An aged sister who was a witness through the whole scene connected with the robbery, now tells the writer that the following Sunday while Richard was preaching in public meeting, he saw men amongst the spectators whom he felt sure was in the robber band of the previous night and closed his cutting sermon in starting up the above song and singing it through as it now reads in his printed hymn book. And that he sung only the first verse the night before. after the robbers escaping through the rainy darkness

October 11th 1807. Elder David Darrow (and his Eastern brethren) and Eldress Ruth Farrington (and her Eastern sisters) moved into the new house and took possession of their rooms on the second floor. (The remaining rooms in the house were taken possession of by those whom they had gathered in.)

Saturday August 12th 1809. Our house was beset and entered by a band of robbers ten came in and a number surrounded the house on the outside. (I learn from one who was a member of this house — called Elder David's Family — on the night of the robbery the day that) The first announcement of the robbers upon breaking into the house was — "Money" they say, Elder David heard them coming — sprang from his bed and was the first one down the stairs to meet them. As he went he spoke into one of the rooms where the young brethren lived — telling them to take care of the sisters. The robbers searched the pockets of the brethrens clothes — broke open the chests &c. taking what they could find — six dollars in all. They became so enraged at their bad luck, that at last they rushed for the sisters stairs in quest of the rooms occupied by the Eastern eldresses thinking that the money of which they had been apprized of being in the house — might be there. The leader of the gang when two steps from the head of the stairs — halted and threatened — holding a lighted candle in one hand — and pistol in the other — and aimed. — And yelled to the top of his voice "I will blow the brains out of that young man in one more step if he don't clear himself out of our way" It was Father Dennis that the robber was threatening. Father was somewhat of the Sampson type on the side of strength and no doubt — stronger than ever in this peril. At first sight of the invaders making up the stairway, Father grasped a chair and flourished it

between pages 72 & 73 I put
2 pages I have come across
about the Robery 12th August
1809 which is better than what
I have there

I covet not their ranges wide
While in the truth my soul can hide

14

Those who the cross of Christ do bear
His hidden life begin to share
And when they've run th' appointed race
They'll meet in the same hiding place

15

While by the truth that works within
Christ saves his people from their sins
His sheep he'll from the goats divide
And in his fold forever hide

Isaac Bates

face to face the frightful glare of the blackened 1839
demon forms and sending them at length adown
the stairs and out of doors. Amid this wild con-
fusion — In pleading tender tone came the voice
of one of the young eastern aldresses — praying that
the ~~young~~ brother would be mindful of his faith.
It made one think of an Angels voice going throu
purgary.

Elder Peter Peal, the trustee of the Village who
had the public money in keeping. — At the first
alarm of the robbers scattered it in his bed tick
amongst the straw and the thieves did not
find it.

Next morning elder Issachar said to some
of us, — that he came home late last night, and
wishing not to disturb any one — without his
supper — crept into John's bed down stairs —
knowing that he was at Beulah. And when the
robbers bursted in he was too hungry and tried to
get up, but that they pound him and punctuated
their wicked sentences by pounds upon him —
and once observing, that if they could find the
d — old Balet they might get that money.

Richard Mc. Nemar, who always had poetry
on the end of his tongue, it seemed, and whose
voice was like unto thunder for loudness, and
clear as the ringing of steel for music, bounded to
the door upon the exit of the robbers and made
the house and the air resound with his song.

Robbery.

Will a man rob God ⁂ said the prophet of old —
Can the sons of the whore be so wicked and bold

⁂ Money and all else that the first believers possess-
ed they held as belonging to God

house was entered by a band of

robbers about midnight ten came in and
a member surrounded the house Got but
cattle (six dollars) Note by writer Richard McTamar who
always had poetry on the end of his tongue
as it seemed and whose voice was like unto
Thunder for loudness, and for clearness as
the ringing of steel bounded to the door.
(fence rail opened by the robbers) upon the
exit of the robbers and made the house

and the air resound with his song. As follows

Robbery

Will a man rob God* said the prophet of old
Can the sons of the whore be so wicked and bold
Their question is answered the thing has been done
We have witnessed the fact since the last setting sun

2

The Church was beset by a black painted band
With their candles and clubs and their pistols in hand
Twelve strokes of the clock told the dark silent hour
When those wretched came rushing like wolves to devour

3

With their pistols presented they entered each room
Crying Give us your money or death is your doom
Beset by such monsters determined to kill
Our good Eldress all chose to be still

4

With threats and menaces they searched around
The chests they broke open and took all they found
Till a chair from the garret struck struck on the head
Then the stairs they descended and hastely fled

5

Ye execrative monsters ye fiends in disguise
How great was your trouble how small was your prize
How careful Kind heaven your scheme to defeat
And how thus Repel the saints when they saw you retreat

† Led by young Jethro Dennis.

* Money and all else that the first believers possessed they held as belonging to God. 72

and as I neared Union Village and saw her through
the branches of the thinly scattered trees standing on
high in her purity and peace [illegible] in loveliness as one not ashamed my
heart leaped with joy, because my home was there,
and when I entered her gate ways and doors and felt
the warming friendship of my nearest and dearest
kindred my brethren and sisters in the household of
faith I believed that I never was so glad before

my first duty to visit her tomb. I slept soundly excepting
that I dreamed I heard Eldress Sally Sharp call me
very kindly in her sweet deep toned voice and I awoke
and the clock in my room struck two, my heart swelled
and I yearned again for home to hear again the motherly
voice of eldress Sally who has been the first female
minister at Union Village since my early youth &
and I wanted to hear the voice of all my good brethren and
sisters at home I wept a few moments and then fell
asleep again and awoke with the morning sun flickering
in at the window reflected through the branches of
a leafy wind shaken shade tree & heard the sound of

Union Village 1871

A short account of my first acquaintance with Shakers my Father had just moved into Ohio with a family of ten in number including one colored girl. He was one of the leaders in the then lucky revival which was now making a great stir among the people who had got dissatisfied with their preacher and invited Richard M. Nemar to take the charge there and preach in their meeting house he accepted the invitation and the work went on for a time under his ministration with great power it was not long till it began to decline. At this time the Shakers were engaged and going on in the East in great prosperity. Then hearing of the conditions of the Newlights as they were called in the West sent three of their Brethren to find out their condition. at this time they had become willing to hear them preach in their meeting house. They opened their testamony which was believed and gladly received by a great many. So they had meeting in the

No Light Meeting house once after this
they built a stand in the woods but in a
short time it was supposed that some
persecutors set it on fire after this
for a time we had meeting in our little
Log Cabbins we lived in after we had
some provision made for living there sent
Six Sisters and more brethren from the East They were
six weaker on the road traveling from
New York to Ohio the people in this country
began to be alarmed they thought the Shakers
was going to take possession and bring us
into bondage so they concluded it would be
the safest way to raise a mob and drive
them back so they appointed a captain &
raised a mob of five hundred men and
collected together about half a mile and
marched in rank and file to the house
the lived in here they appointed a committee
to examine they young people to find
out if they were held in bondage they soon
found out that it was themselves in
bondage to false reports

Vincy McNemar